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**GREAT LOUISIANA BEACH SWEEP  
AND INLAND WATERWAY CLEANUP  
SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

(Baton Rouge) --The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is encouraging the citizens of the state to join in the 2002 Great Louisiana Beach Sweep and Inland Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, September 21.

The Louisiana Beach Sweep and Inland Waterway Cleanup is now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year and is part of "The International Coastal Cleanup," the oldest and largest beach and waterway cleanup in the world with data collection. Last year, 850,000 worldwide volunteers combed over 20,000 miles of beaches, rivers and lakes, removing over 13.5 million pounds of trash in one day.

DEQ coordinates the event with Zone Coordinators throughout the state, The Ocean Conservancy, other federal and state agencies, private companies, and most importantly, volunteers.

"We all should be concerned about trash polluting our beaches and waterways. I encourage everyone to be actively involved on this day of caring for our environment. A goal of this agency is to engage concerned citizens in activities to beautify our state and protect wildlife. By removing debris from the shorelines, waterways and beaches, we collect valuable information on the amount and sources of debris and heighten public awareness of the everyday activities and behaviors that lead to pollution," said DEQ Secretary Hall Bohlinger.

Pam Kimball, DEQ Litter Coordinator stated "Most of our volunteers make this event a family affair and consider it a great educational tool. Last year 2,070 Louisiana citizens joined forces to collect over 36,957 pounds of debris and covered over 117 miles of beaches and waterways. We hope to increase those numbers this year. We appreciate all the volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to help keep Louisiana beautiful."

Recreational and commercial fishermen can help keep Louisiana beautiful by not throwing old fishing line and fishing nets into the waters where they fish. Discarded fishing line and nets continue to maim and kill fish, wildlife and marine mammals long after being thrown overboard. Nets and lines get caught in boat propellers and plastic lines can clog water intakes. On September 21 anglers are being asked to cooperate in the cleanup effort by using dip nets to retrieve any trash they see in the waters where they fish, because many volunteers will be on foot and will not be able to reach remote areas.



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Decide on your destination! Call your Zone Coordinator so that he/she may expect you. Your coordinator will tell you where to check in, get your bags and data cards.

Contact the **Beach Sweep Zone Coordinators** in your area for specific times and locations:

<b>Cameron Zone</b>	Nathan Griffith	318-569-2484
<b>Fourchon Zone</b>	Grady Galinno	504-632-4666
<b>Grand Isle Zone</b>	Josie Chermaine	504-787-2997
<b>Lake Pontchartrain Zone</b>	Jackie Henry	504-836-2215

Contact the **Inland Waterway Cleanup Coordinators** in your area for specific times and locations:

<b>Alexandria</b>	Bettye Jones	318-443-0100
<b>Cross Lake, City Bayou, Red River</b>	Donna Curtis	318-219-1888
<b>Jackson Parish</b>	Gail Barham	318-259-3265
<b>Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful</b>	Marie Kennedy	225-381-0860
<b>Keep Mandeville Beautiful</b>	Debra Lala	985-624-3165
<b>Keep St. John Beautiful</b>	Greg Maurin	985-652-9513
<b>Keep Terrebonne Beautiful</b>	Carol McFarland	985-857-8398
<b>Lake Bistineau, Red River</b>	Dianne Chandler	318 741-8409
<b>Lake Charles</b>	Lori Marinovich	337-491-1481
<b>Lake Martin &amp; Bayou DeSiard</b>	Theresa Privat	318-332-1994
<b>Ouachita-Keep Monroe Beautiful</b>	Richard Moore	318-329-2800
<b>Ouachita-Keep W. Monroe Beautiful</b>	Sharon Jones	318-325-0496

Additional information about this event is available from DEQ by calling (225) 765-0152 or (toll-free) (888) 763-5424.

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